30. (New) A mutant antibody that comprises a mutant immunoglobulin chain, the mutant antibody having higher affinity for an antigen than a parent antibody that comprises a parent immunoglobulin chain, wherein the mutant immunoglobulin chain comprises an amino acid substitution that eliminates a variable region glycosylation site of the parent immunoglobulin chain said elimination having the effect of increasing the affinity of the mutant antibody relative to the parent antibody.

31. (New) The mutant antibody of claim 30 wherein the glycosylation site is an N-linked glycosylation site selected from the group consisting of:

(1) -Asn-X-Ser-; and

(2) -Asn-X-Thr-;

wherein X is an amino acid other than Pro.

32. (New) The mutant antibody of claim 30 wherein the glycosylation site is an O-linked glycosylation site selected from the group consisting of:

(1) -Thr-X-X-Pro-; and

(2) -Ser-X-X-Pro-;

wherein X is an amino acid.

33. (New) The mutant antibody of claim 30 wherein the mutant antibody is a humanized version of the parent antibody.

34. (New) The mutant antibody of claim 30 whose variable region has no glycosylation sites.

35. (New) The mutant antibody of claim 30 whose variable region has no N-linked glycosylation sites.